

## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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 A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER  
 IPC 7 G11B7/24 B41J2/475

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## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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1. claims: 1-9

recording stack composition

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2. claims: 10,11

writing power strategy

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